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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Michael M. NEFF et al.

Application No.: 09/992,901

Group Art Unit: 1638

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For: GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS
HAVING MODULATED BRASSINOSTEROID
SIGNALING

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 14, 2005 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 1204), for which a response is due on April 14, 2005. A petition for a two month extension of time is enclosed to extend the deadline to respond until June 14, 2005. As such, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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